Mitchell Knew Of Watergate

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski said Wednesday that John N. Mitchell and John D. Ehrlichman had extensive knowledge of the Watergate break-in even as they told FBI agents that all they knew came from reading newspapers.

He said they lied as part of an ex ensive pattern of criminal actions, in trying to bottle the truth about Watergate, adding that their conduct represented the perversion of government functions.

Mitchell, Ehrlichman and four others are scheduled to be tried Sept. 9 on conspiracy charges in the Watergate cover-up. A seventh defendant, Charles W. Colson, pleaded guilty to another charge Monday and the indictment against him in the cover-up case will be dropped.

Jaworski said Ehrlichman suggested in his brief that "no criminal investigator worthy of the name" would rely on the false denials of knowledge.

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